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1. The following troops and materiel from the Artillerie Kaserne in Altenburg (8001) were entrained on 5 July:

At 0700: A shipment of 9 x 152-mm field howitzers, 9 prime movers, approximately 25 trucks, 2 tank trucks and 6 boxcars with troops. The train departed toward Jena at 1100. 50X1-HUM

At 1215: A shipment of 16 x 152-mm field howitzers, 16 prime movers, approximately 15 trucks, 2 tank trucks and 8 boxcars with troops. The train left at 1745.

No billeting equipment was entrained. Railroadmen said that the two shipments were bound for Ohrdruf. the troops would return in a week, and more short-term transfers were scheduled. On 8 July, the Artillerie Kaserne still quartered approximately 400 men. The troops who departed were estimated at 70 to 80 officers and 700 to 800 EM. 50X1-HUM

2. From 28 June to 8 July, the Infanterie Kaserne (8002) was still occupied by approximately 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Seventeen trucks, each with 15 men and 13 x 57-mm AT guns returned to the kaserne at 1000 on 28 June. the unit had departed during the night of 26 June. 50X1-HUM

3. At 1215 on 22 June, a troop shipment left Eisenach railroad station toward Erfurt. It carried: 50X1-HUM
- 2 TMP pontoons each on 9 flatcars with sideracks;
 - 2 trucks each on approximately 9 flatcars with sideracks;
 - beams and planks on approximately 3 flatcars with sideracks;
 - 25 men each wearing black-bordered black epaulets on about 5 boxcars. 2

4. At 1900 on 6 July, an artillery unit drove toward Kindel troop training grounds via Stockhausen (northeast of Eisenach). Nineteen trucks towing 11 x 76-mm guns and 8 x 122-mm field howitzers were observed. 50X1-HUM

5. T-34/85 were identified in Mechterstaedt at 2100 on 9 July.

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1. Comment. [redacted] five shipments were dispatched 50X1-HUM
from Altenburg to Altengrabow on 5 July. The artillery brigades of the Eighth
Gds Army have remained at the posts, except for short-term firing practices
in Forst Zeitz.
2. Comment. Possibly, a shipment of the 67th Engr Bn of the 57th Gds Mtz 50X1-HUM
Rifle Div which was transferred from Naumburg to Kindel on 29 April. The
Hubertus Kaserne (8382) was vacant on 26 May. [redacted]

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